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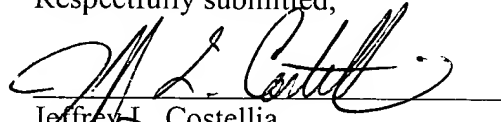
. Sir:

Applicants hereby supplement the response of March 11, 2002 by enclosing a verified translation of the priority application of the above-identified application, namely, Japanese Patent Application No. 4-252295 to perfect priority in the instant application. As a result, the pending rejections based on the reference to Soh et al. should be withdrawn.

It should be noted that Figures 6A to 7B if the instant application were not included in the subject Japanese priority application. Although Applicants contend that the claimed invention can be supported by the subject priority application even without these figures, Applicants wish to bring this matter to the attention of the Examiner.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the rejections of record be reconsidered and withdrawn by the Examiner, that claims 1-26 be allowed and that the application be passed to issue. If a conference would expedite prosecution of the instant application, the Examiner is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned to arrange such a conference.

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